## e-Filing for Media



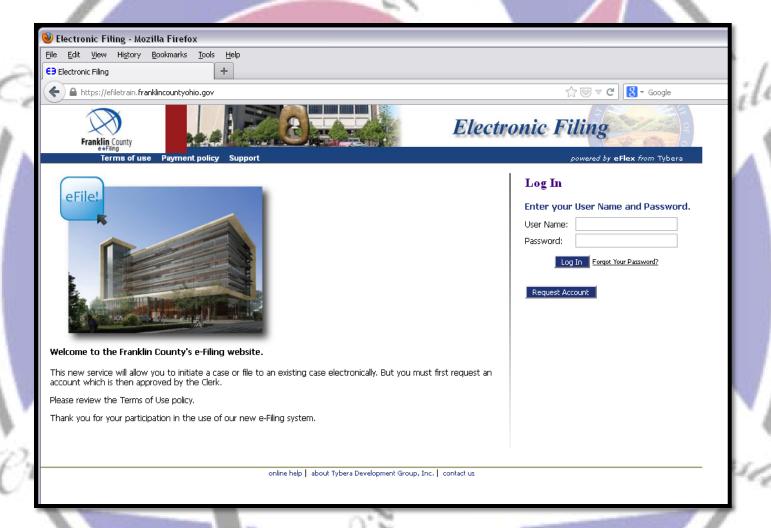


A guide for media who are required to e-File requests through the Franklin County Clerk of Courts e-Filing system



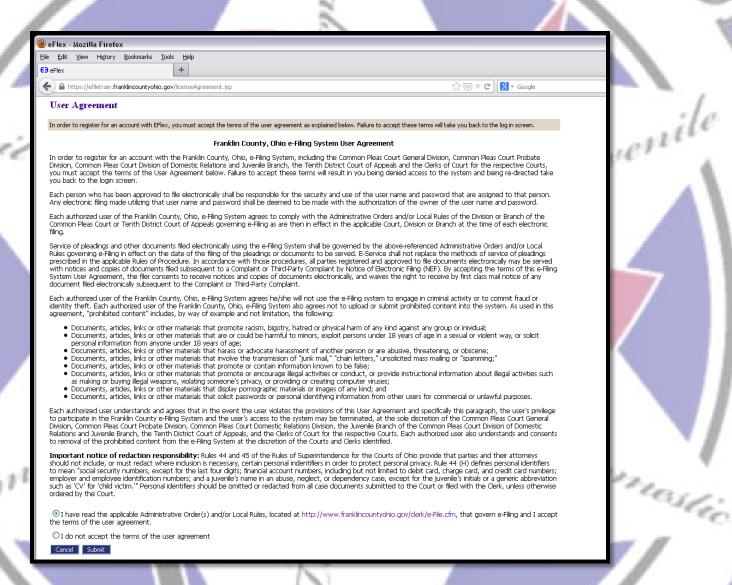
Media members are required to e-File, just like attorneys, agency filers, and pro se litigants and defendants. This guide will assist Media members with e-Filing in the **Civil** and **Criminal** Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas.

Access this page by clicking HERE.



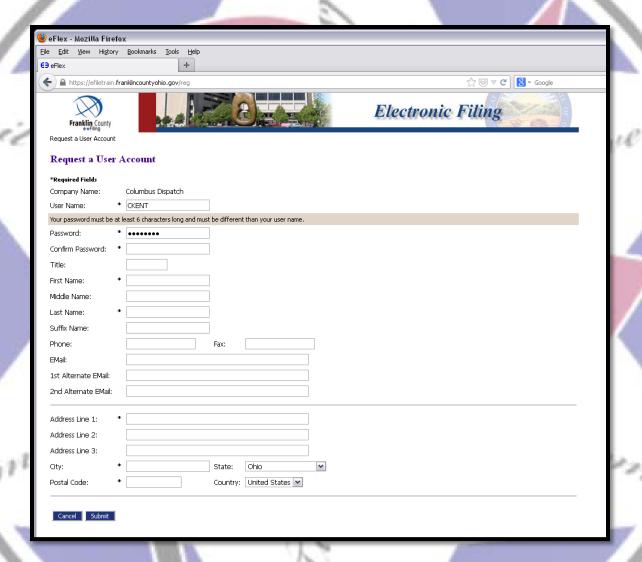
This is the e-Filing **Login Screen**. Users can sign in to their e-Filing account, or request an account using the button on the right side of the webpage.

New users must agree to the Franklin County Ohio e-Filing System User Agreement. All current filers have agreed to this language. If you have any questions about this agreement, please contact the Clerk of Courts Office at (614)525-3600



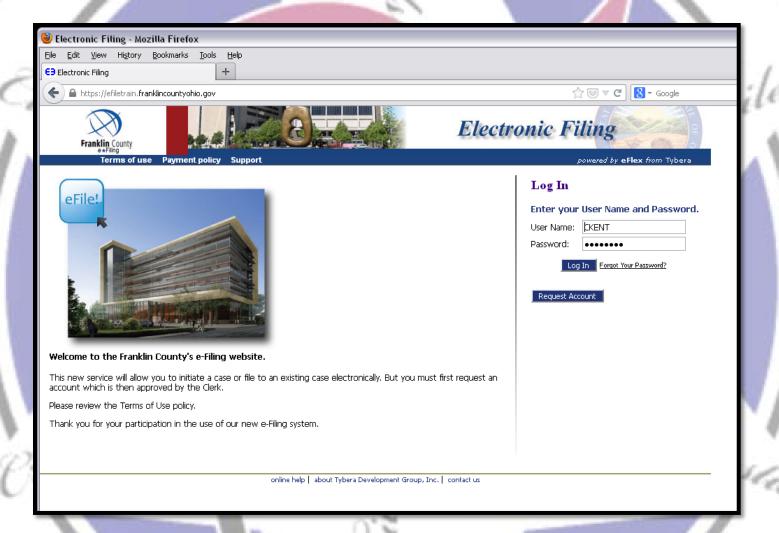
Click on the **radio button** to agree with the Administrative Orders, and accept the terms of the user agreement and move forward.

To register your account, follow these few steps, including defining your user roll (media), identifying the company you are filing for, if any, and then giving us your contact information through an electronic application (below).



The Clerk of Courts Office produced several **YouTube videos** on using the e-Filing website. We highly recommend viewing these videos, and subscribing to the Clerk's YouTube Channel to receive the most up-to-date information about this office. View the YouTube channel by <u>clicking HERE</u>.

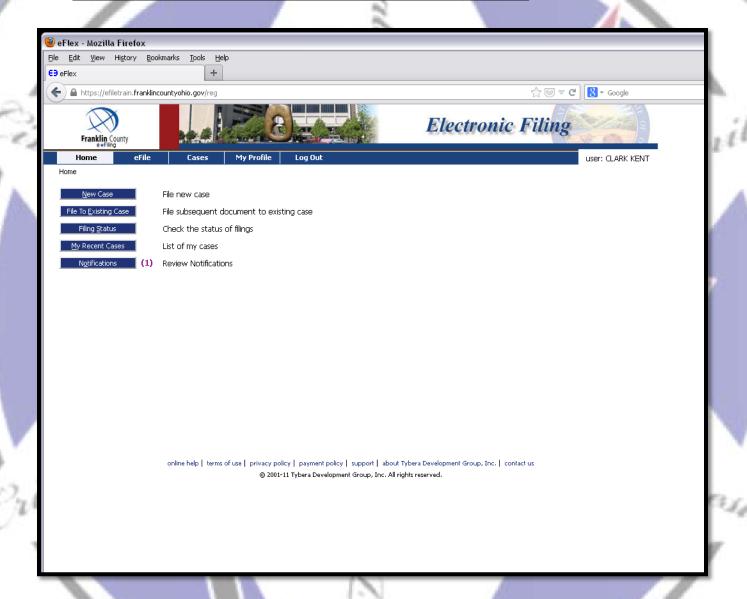
Your e-Filing account should be active within **24 hours.** You will receive email notification once your account is active. If you do not receive an email, please contact the **Clerk of Courts** office at (614) 525-3600



Once your account is active, return to the e-Filing Login page (accessible here) and enter the User Name and Password you supplied when you registered your e-Filing account. Click "Log In" to begin e-Filing.

On the e-Filing **Home Screen**, you can navigate throughout the system, based on what tasks you need to accomplish.

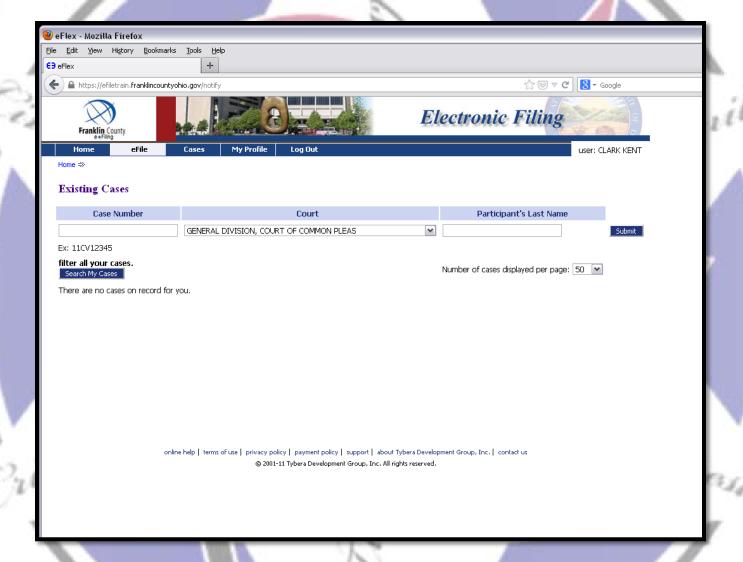
The Clerk of Courts produced a special video about navigating the e-Filing Home Screen, which you can view by <u>clicking HERE</u>.



Most Media members will need to **File to an Existing Case**, and should start their e-Filing by clicking on the appropriate button on the Home Screen, as shown above.

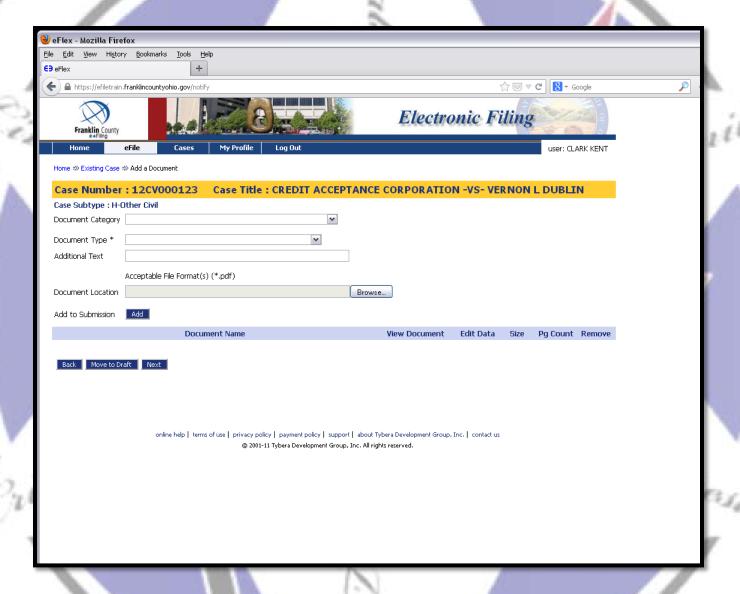
In order to begin, you must identify the case to which you are filing.

Please enter the **Case Number**, select the **correct Court\***, and type a case **Participant's Last Name** (Plaintiff or Defendant)



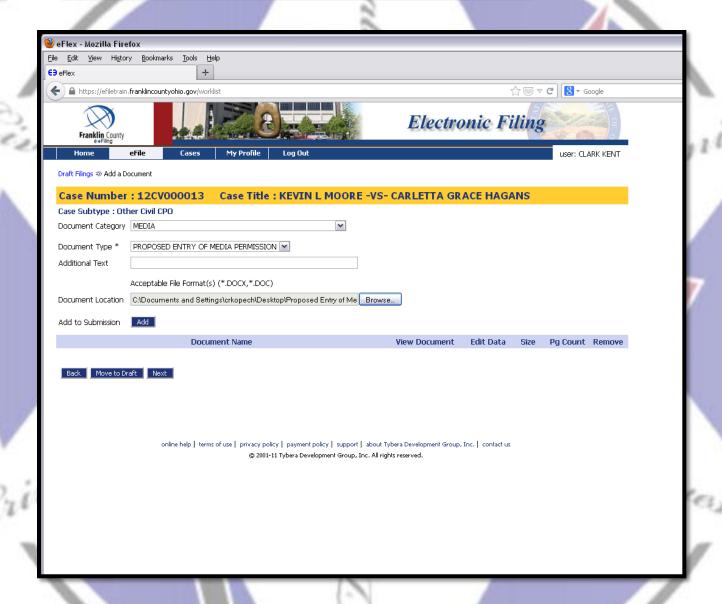
\*Note the court in which you are searching. Searching for a "DR" case with the dropdown on "GENERAL DIVISION, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS" will return no results, as "DR" cases are filed in Domestic Court.

Once you have identified the case to which you are e-Filing, you will be taken to the Add a Document screen. Here, you will upload your request for Media e-Filing.



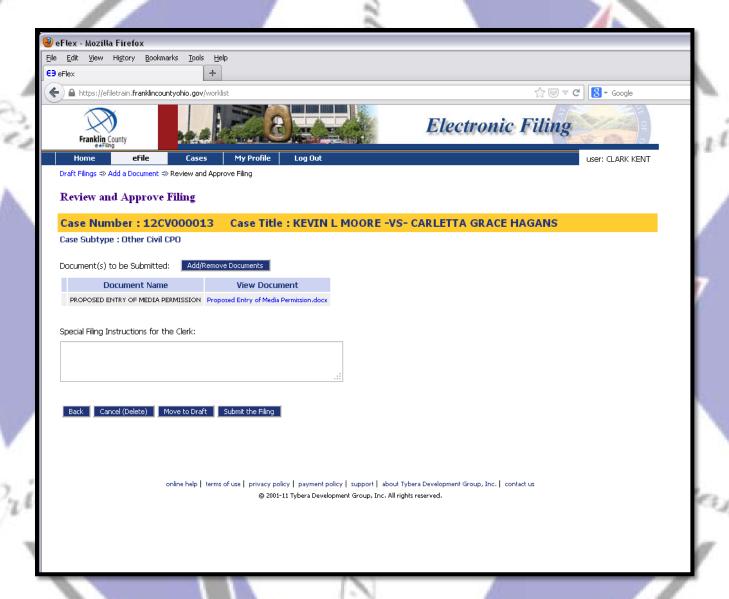
The YELLOW BAR across the top of the page identifies the case information. Check that you are filing to the correct case and that the case number and title match the case to which you are requesting access.

Using the Drop Down Menus, find the Document Category labeled "MEDIA", and select the Document Type labeled "PROPOSED ENTRY OF MEDIA PERMISSION" when submitting in the Civil Division, or "PROPOSED ORDER: MEDIA PERMISSION" when submitting in the Criminal Division. Then, select the Browse button to upload your completed Proposed Entry.



For Criminal cases, a .PDF document can be obtained off the Common Pleas Court website, and can be found by <u>clicking HERE</u>. Please note that different courts require different documents and document types. Instructions for filing in Domestic and Juvenile Divisions will be provided at a later date.

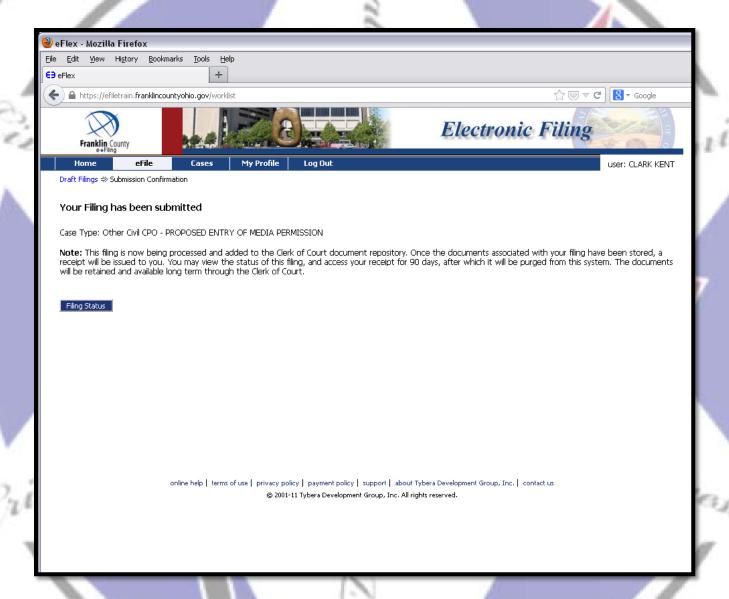
Finally, you can **Review and Approve** your filing to make sure that you are submitting the proposed entry to the correct case, and to make sure you have uploaded the correct document. When this is verified, click **Submit the Filing**.



Please be sure to click on the **View Document** link for the submission to verify you haven't uploaded the incorrect document. One of the biggest reasons we reject filings is because of this type of situation. For more information on **Rejection** and **Decline**, you can view the Clerk of Court's YouTube video on the subject HERE.

Now, your filing has been submitted to the Clerk's Office for review.

This Proposed Entry will then be electronically forwarded to the Court for Judicial Review, and the Judge or Judge's staff will approve or decline the Entry.



Once your document has been filed, you will be able to follow its progress through the system by clicking on **Filing Status**. This will tell you when your Proposed Entry has passed through the Clerk's Office, and gone to a Judge.

Do you need more help?

The Clerk of Courts Office is happy to assist you with using the e-Filing system. Please contact the proper division, and staff will help you with your e-Filing.

## Questions? Comments? Issues? Problems? We're Here to Help!

For Technical Questions, call the Division

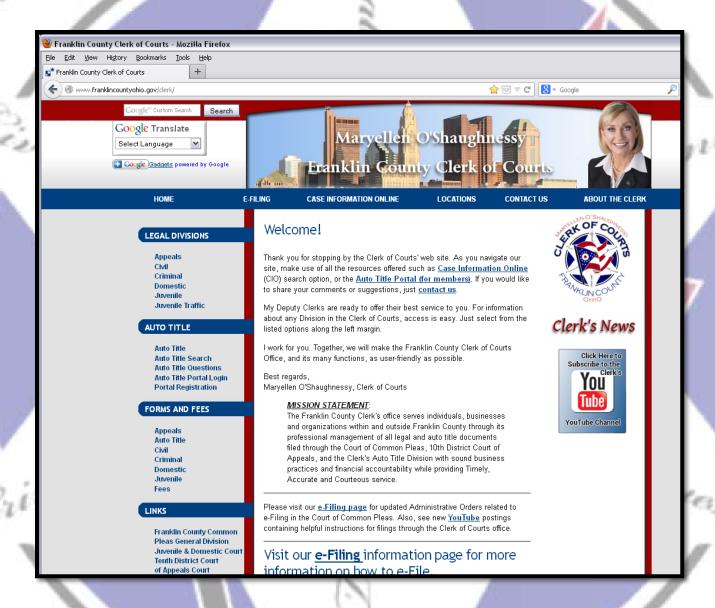
- Civil Division (614) 525-3621
- Criminal Division (614) 525-3651
- Juvenile Division (614) 525-4411
- Domestic Division (614) 525-4410
- Appeals Division (614) 525-3624

For all other Media Inquiries, call the Clerk of Courts Office and ask for the **Director of Communications**:

• (614) 525-3600

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